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Time for a change
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All the local elementary schools participated in the track meet on May 27, held in the field at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. See more photos on page 5. /ADAM FRISK special to *County Life*

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Walk on the wild side in Minden

RICK WHITTEKER

Special to *County Life*

Sunshine and a gentle breeze greeted the official opening of "stepping into nature;" a new way to experience the Minden Riverwalk Trail. The Haliburton County Master Gardeners have researched and organized a free self-guided walking tour along this popular walkway, adding a significant learning component to any stroll along the banks of the Gull River in downtown Minden.

Master Gardener Shelley Fellows opened the event by giving credit to all the people, businesses and organizations who supported this venture. The list is impressive, giving everyone in the audience a clear sense of the community effort behind this tremendous initiative.

Starting with Mayor Bob Carter, calling the improved Riverwalk another "gem" in Minden Hills. Carter gave credit to Craig Belfry, Director of Community Services who has been very supportive of the interactive Riverwalk idea from the start. County warden Liz Danielsen and Andrew Gordon, Executive Director of U-Links, also spoke glowingly about the project.

Fellows continued by thanking Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for their financial support. Heather Reid from HCDC offered her congratulations and was all smiles, probably recognizing the great value her organization has added to the Minden community, for locals and visitors alike.

The project's lead and Master Gardener, Carolyn Langdon, spoke about the role the whole community played in turning this idea into reality. The genesis of the idea, said Langdon "started with a request from Paul McInnes of the CHA to compile a list of native shoreline plants." This extensive effort and online resource led to further discussions by the Master Gardeners about finding a public demonstration area to allow people to see shoreline rehabilitation in action.

The Minden Riverwalk Trail seemed like a good fit and now fourteen years after the original shoreline work was started, erosion has stopped, native plants have matured and members of the community have told Langdon that, "the Canadian Geese problem is 95 per cent solved!"

Finally, Fellows drew attention to a significant number of local business donors, further emphasising the community spirit behind the project.

Establishing a variety of shoreline plants along the riverwalk has added diversity and colour to the trail. The grassy monoculture has been replaced by flowering shrubs, trees and flowers; attracting birds, insects and other critters who come to feed and nest, increasing the biodiversity of the riverbank.

Caleb Brown of Trent University was tasked with tracking the inventory of the insect species along the Riverwalk. Brown noted that he identified many syrphid flies, commonly called "hover flies." Mimicking bees and wasps, the look-a-like hover flies avoid predation. They are important pollinators and their larva often eat aphids, a potentially damaging insect. Brown spent hours looking through a microscope and searching in guidebooks to identify multiple insect species. His work is now part of this interactive walk.

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The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are a local group of certified Master Gardeners with expertise in botany, horticulture, and gardening in harmony with nature.
www.HaliburtonMasterGardeners.com

"Stepping into nature", which is a new way to experience the Minden Riverwalk Trail presented by the Master Gardeners. /Submitted by Rick Whitteker

With 21 small signs spread out over both sides of the river, I struck out to see how these interactive stops work. My past challenges with technology had me concerned with how my old phone might fair with QR codes or the PocketSights app but the process proved to be easy. Opening the camera on my phone, I just pointed at the QR code on the trailside sign and a prompt appeared. I tapped it and, miraculously, photos and detailed descriptions connected to the place I was standing popped up on my screen.

Audio tracks are also available in case you would prefer listening over reading. A range of topics are covered including plants, insects, wetlands, keystone species and healthy shoreline guidelines in an interesting and engaging format. Links to additional resources are included if more information is desired.

The end of the official opening ceremony involved Bob Carter, armed with a significant set of branch clippers, cutting a vine strung across the trail, held by all the attending stakeholders. No office scissors or frilly ribbons at this ceremony, staying consistent with the environmental focus of the day. The Haliburton County Master Gardeners should be proud of this accomplishment, showing leadership in creating a great new learning tool and demonstrating how to garden in harmony with nature.

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Listening to the needs of Minden - Beauty Basics steps up

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Staff

The Beauty Basics team is excited that they have expanded their space and services, now located at 101 Bobcaygeon Road. /Photo submitted

For Amy Joanu, it's all about listening.

The owner of Beauty Basics and winner of entrepreneur of the year from the Chamber of Commerce awards last year, Joanu has her heart and soul set on making Minden sparkle.

Beauty Basics by Amy opened up in 2016, from a dream Joanu had while her children were young. Her husband was working away from home, and she decided she wanted a shift in her lifestyle. So she gave up everything she had to focus on her dream.

What started as a small shop in her basement, eventually grew into a brick and mortar business in Minden. And while Joanu and her team were grateful for the space and the community support, they noted that it felt they had outgrown the building by the second year.

"We wanted everything you could get in the city, without ever having to leave Minden," Joanu told *County Life*. This includes manicures and pedicures, waxing, teeth whitening, ear piercing, botox, eyebrows, eyelashes, and more. "We aren't really a traditional spa," said Joanu, "we are aiming to create an environment that is modern, laid-back, and a space where everyone feels welcome."

Making people feel seen and heard is an ongoing priority for the Beauty Basics team, so much so that they regularly venture out into the Minden community to make connections, and explore opportunities for collaborations with local businesses. This was how they stumbled upon the building that their business now resides in, at 101 Bobcaygeon Road.

Two years ago, Joanu was visiting local businesses in downtown Minden before stopping into the shop, Northern High, which was housed next to the Village Green. She said she instantly fell in love with the space, and admired the work the owners had put into the building.

Fast forward a few years, and the space became available. Joanu knew she had to jump on the opportunity. With the new space, Joanu shared that the opportunity to grow is endless. "Now, there's potential for absolutely anything," she said.

The building boasts double the square footage that her previous location held, and with this newfound space, Joanu has explored additional ways to collaborate with local businesses, and offer services that the community is looking for. "It's all about listening," she said. "You listen to what people want and you listen to what people need, and you take that into consideration. We heard what people were looking for, and we understood the assignment."

Currently, Beauty Basics employs 10 women, all of whom live in the Haliburton County region. "I love giving women a chance to spread their wings," said Joanu, who shared that she is passionate about supporting female-run businesses, and hopes to include more services and offerings from women in the wellness industry to collaborate in the new location.

"I'm passionate about Minden," said Joanu, who has grown up in the community, and is now raising her own family here, "I really think that we can't just complain, we need to help Minden progress and evolve, and we always have to be listening."

The new Beauty Basics location is at 101 Bobcaygeon Road, right beside the Village Green. For more information, visit www.beautybasicsbyamy.ca.

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Downy Woodpecker on Mullein, a spectacular native weed.

Gardening (is) for the birds

Gardening and bird watching are the two fastest growing hobbies. Combine these two hobbies by designing and planting a garden to attract our feathered friends. To entice a variety of birds you must provide everything they need to survive: food, water, shelter to protect from weather and predators, a nesting place and materials. Design your garden from a bird's perspective and they will come.

Many birds require different food sources – insects to seeds – fruit to nectar. Warblers – eat insects, finches - bird feeder seeds. Hummingbirds and orioles – nectar eating. Phoebes – flying insects. Birds forage for seeds on the ground and under fallen leaves. Most birds will eat two or three different types of food, but usually have a preference for one. Avoid the use of pesticides and keep your cat indoors.

Birds like to be in transition areas. Properties that border on a forest are in a perfect area to develop a transition from your garden to the forest. Smaller properties must arrange the transition area from open space, lawn to a garden of lower perennials and annuals to mature shrubs/trees close to a fence or wall.

Provide a bird bath or water feature. Birds are especially attracted to moving water so consider suspending a plastic water bottle with a small hole in the end and allowing it to drip into the bird bath. Locate bird feeders around the garden in the open but close to the shelter of bushes and a conifer for winter protection is desirable.

Birds, insects and native plants have co-existed as an ecosystem for years. Start with herbaceous perennials, grasses and annuals. These provide seeds, nesting materials and harbour tasty insects, moths and caterpillars. Bee Balm, Bleeding Heart and Columbine will attract the nectar eating hummingbirds and orioles.

Grasses furnish shelter for finches and sparrows that prefer foraging on the ground and also provide excellent nesting material. Tall grasses such as Karl Foerster Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' lend themselves to planting near the back of the border with shorter grasses such as Blue Oat Grass (Helictotrichon sempervirens) as accents closer to the front of the garden.

Plant heights should progress from lower (near open area) to taller species (near the fence/wall/forest) as you arrange your transition. Plan for blooms at a variety of times over the season to add more interest to the garden. Any perennial that produces seeds will provide food for cardinals, finches, indigo buntings, chipping sparrows, song sparrows and goldfinches. Some excellent Zone 4 perennials include spring flowering plants – Columbine, Bleeding Heart; early summer flowering plants – Coreopsis, Cosmos, Bee Balm, Daylily; mid-August to September – Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan and other Rudbeckia, Daisy, Phlox; Autumn flowering plants – Sedum, Asters; annuals for late spring to frost – Impatiens, Petunias and Zinnias. Also, there are are some very attractive "weeds" birds love.

Fruit producing shrubs and trees will attract birds year round with fragrant spring blooms and fall and winter berries. The blossoms attract insects to feed warblers and orioles. Shrubs provide resting spots and hiding spots from predators such as larger birds, hawks and owls that seek them out. There are some attractive Zone 4 native species shrubs. Consider: The Ninebarks: native, Coppertina, or Amber Jubilee, or Dogwoods and Sumacs. Shrubs can grow quite tall, but there are some dwarf varieties of Viburnums, Rugosa and Serviceberry.

Birds are particularly fond of the native Red Twig Dogwood (Cornus alba) whose dense thickets of branches provide shelter and food for flycatchers, kingbirds, catbirds, waxwings, woodpeckers and vireos in the spring and summer, and succulent berries in fall and winter. The red foliage in fall and red stems in winter contribute additional interest to the garden. Serviceberries Amelanchier sp have attractive white spring blossoms and tasty small reddish-purple berries much beloved by cedar waxwings and robins. Choose a species of Amelanchier of height and shape to suit your situation.

Shrubs planted near the back of the garden backdropped by evergreens such as junipers, spruces, and pines provide nesting sites for many birds. Conifers offer warm winter shelter, protection and winter food for crossbills and red-breasted nuthatches. For space and deer issues consider the coniferous shrub – Pfitzer Juniper. The mature height of six to eight feet , this shrub provides superb nesting sites for robins, warblers and catbirds.

The hardy hawthorn deciduous tree, offers magnitizing fragrant blooms in spring for migrating warblers and in the fall, cedar waxwings and robins eat the fruit. Be sure to check that the Hawthorn cultiver is hardy to Zone 4.

Vines add a dimension of height, provide shelter and nesting areas and can be grown on a fence or climbing a tree or trellis. Vines add interest in all seasons if they flower at different times or have brightly coloured foliage in the fall. Honeysuckle (Lonicera x brownii 'Dropmore' – Scarlet) for hummingbirds. Clematis – robins. Indigo Buntings – vine tangle. The native Virginia Creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) winter food/colour for thrushes, woodpeckers, and warblers.

Make a start with a few seed-producing perennials and a bird bath. You will likely get the backyard birds: finches, sparrows, woodpeckers, chickadees and nuthatches.

Submitted by Pauline Plooard,
Haliburton County
Master Gardeners

And they're off!

Left, Frances Gilmour of Stuart Baker competes in long jump on May 27 during the annual track and field meet in Haliburton. / ADAM FRISK special to County Life

Carter McCord races to the finish line.

Jace Johnston winds up for the ball throw.

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Home office ergonomics

I THINK AT one point or another the majority of us have experienced pain in between the shoulder blades or neck while sitting at a desk or doing computer work. For those of you who do this for a living, the discomfort can become an almost normal part of the workday. Since the pandemic, there has been an increase in working from home. This could involve sitting at a pieced together office, the kitchen table, couch or outside on patio furniture. Because this is so common, I'd like to share with you how you can properly position yourself for working at home and some easy mobility exercises that can help prevent common aches and pains.

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A proper ergonomic workstation can reduce the risk of discomfort that these stressors cause to our bodies. The first and most important factor is a supportive chair. I completely understand that not everyone has the money to go out and buy a ridiculously expensive ergonomic chair but here is what you can do: make sure your feet are flat against the floor and knees are bent at 90 degrees. If the chair is too low, try sitting on some sort of cushion. Usually the ones from an outdoor chair cover work well as they provide a few layers of foam. If the chair is too high, say a bar stool, place a stool under your feet to bring the knees up to 90 degrees. The lower back should provide some amount of lumbar support. This means that the lower back should maintain its natural curve. Short version, no slumping. When the lower back area is slumped, the spine is in a flexed position leading to compression and strain. After a few hours, you will feel this. My favourite go-to is a decorative pillow placed in the small of the back. It keeps the spine in a neutral position which eases tension.

Now that the lower body is taken care of, let's move to the upper body. If there are adjustable arm rests on the chair, the elbows should also be at 90 degrees with the forearms resting on the table or on the arm rests. The computer monitor should be at eye level. If the computer it too low and you find yourself constantly looking down at it, try to raise it up using a few old textbooks, phonebooks, and even a small stool. Another piece of advice I can give is to switch it up! Don't sit for longer than an hour at a time. Get up, do a lap, or take a meeting outside while walking around. The body will respond well to variety.

Now that you're set up properly, let's introduce some home remedies for preventing and relieving tension. As always, if any of the stretches cause discomfort, stop doing them and consult a health professional for an assessment.

Seated hamstring stretch

Sit near the front edge of a chair. Rest your heel on the floor with your knee straight. Sit up tall, and hinge forward. Gently lean forward until a stretch is felt behind your knee/thigh. Maintain a straight spine. Hold position for 30 seconds. Perform on both legs.

Piriformis stretch

While sitting in a chair, cross your affected leg on top of the other. Sit up straight, and hinge at the hips, gently leaning forward until you feel a stretch in the glute. Hold and breath for about 30 seconds. Repeat on opposite side.

Trunk extension

While sitting in a chair, extend your upper back backwards over a rolled up towel against the back rest. Hold for 3-5 seconds, and repeat 10 times.

Brugger's exercise

Sit on the edge of your chair. Drop your shoulders and turn your hands and arms backward so your thumbs are pointing backwards. Try tucking your chin, and you will feel a stretch across your neck, chest, and arms. Take a few deep breaths, then relax. Repeat as needed.

Top 10 reasons to wear nothing but a thong

FULL DISCLOSURE: I do not in any way, shape or form endorse the wearing of thongs. Having said that there are times when they can be useful. Here's are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. When unwanted visitors have stayed a little too late.
2. When the venue isn't clothing optional.
3. To draw attention away from your bad haircut.
4. To make the customs officer's day a little easier.
5. Because that's what your #@$% friend said the dress code was.
6. Because it is an effective deterrent to stop people from sneaking up behind you.
7. To punish the mosquitoes.
8. Because you really like the feel of a hot leather car seat.
9. To show both sides of your new tattoo.
10. Because you plan on being first in line.

When moose come by

Again, with casement open wide
And I too jolly yet for rest
Though cottage slumbers through that side
Of bedtime ending at dawn's best
When colours bleed from rising sun
That waits to grace another day
As if a palette's having fun
Beseeching painters not to stay
Inside where chill of dullness sits
Benumbing those forgetting spark
Which burgeons until lightness quits
But conjures secrets for the dark
Like heavy punctures through the moss
Big heart-shaped hooves in sharpish stamp
Imprint two sets of tracks across
Our section of the Shield, all damp
With dew-fall since this vernal night
Stays shivery, though lake gets mild
And local moose feels her birthright
To drink from wavelets with her child
Then lumber back up moonlit hill
To woods, and other knowledge there
While I, chin on my windowsill
Stare sleepless with a thankful prayer

Deborah J. Reed

Naturally Yours

/Submitted by Rick Whitteker

Little Margaret

RICK WHITTEKER

Special to *County Life*

Sometimes, even with 500 plus lakes in the Haliburton Highlands, I often wonder if there are still places to paddle that feel wild; undisturbed, undeveloped and quiet. It is no longer a secret that the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) offers these kinds of destinations.

Managed by the township of Algonquin Highlands, this area offers an Algonquin Park type experience without the extra travel and parking fees! AT 28,000 hectares, there is a lot of real estate to explore and, for me, paddling is the best way to get around in these less travelled waterways. It is the quiet cadence of the paddle stroke, the proximity to the water and the slow travel that allows me to see and hear the natural rhythms of the backcountry. And, yes, the exercise. I like the feeling of moving under my own power and the satisfaction that comes with that at the end of the day.

Recently I travelled to one of my favourite spots. Margaret Lake Road just south of the Frost Centre, travels 2 KM west from Highway #35 to a nice, quiet canoe put in on Margaret Lake. The sound of a cascading creek nearby greets me the moment my car door opens. I immediately take a relaxing exhale as I sense that I am already away.

The canoe/kayak launch point is on a small body of water linked to the larger lake. This calm spot gives me a chance to work out the kinks in my paddling before navigating through a rocky channel to the main lake. This lightly developed lake is the ideal size to explore without being too concerned about the challenges of wind and whitecaps.

However, Margaret is not my destination, but it could be. I have come to visit her sister, Little Margaret. First, I must locate the portage, tucked away in a bay at the south end of the lake. I paddled through what I would call sphagnum alley to get there. This narrow water channel to the portage is lined on both sides with floating mats of sphagnum moss, fresh, green, White Pine saplings and insectivorous Picture Plants.

Bill Mason, the revered Canadian naturalist, film maker and author once said, "anyone who says they like portaging is either a liar or crazy." Put me down on the crazy side. I like the change in activity and the lure of what I might see both as I walk and at the end of the trail.

This portage is relatively flat considering this is Haliburton County! There are some muddy sections with solid boardwalks circumventing the wettest spots, smartly covered with chicken wire to prevent slipping. At 315 meters, it is just long enough to stretch my legs, pick up a few bug bites, and exercise some other muscles. I followed a set of fresh moose tracks left behind in the muddy trail.

May is moose month, the time of year when moose come into the open, in part to escape the hordes of biting insects but also to dine on the bounty of new spring growth. Surviving the winter on a bland diet of branches, buds and bark (to get at the early spring sweet sap), moose gorge themselves on the cornucopia of fresh greens including water lilies, duckweed, ferns, jewelweed and other sodium rich aquatic plants. They can also be seen along our highways in the early morning eating salt-laced plants, a by-product of keeping our roadways safe in the winter.

I have my wildlife radar on full alert in the hopes of spotting this gentle giant, but no luck this time.

The effort to get to Little Margaret is worth it. It is a beauty. You can bask, picnic, swim, fish or just be and enjoy the solitude of this small, quiet lake. There are three backcountry campsites here if overnight camping is your thing.

What is included in a backcountry campsite? Very little and honestly, I like it that way. These campsites include a stone fire pit, some flattish areas to pitch a tent or two and a wooden privy box, also known as a thunderbox, boombox or treasure chest by backcountry campers! The simplicity of these campsites is their beauty.

As I paddle back to my vehicle, I realize that there is something for everyone at the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails. There are many lakes like Little Margaret out there. So, if you need to declutter, get some exercise, and explore, an adventure awaits in this part of Algonquin Highlands.

More about Haliburton Highlands Water Trails

The HHWT is a shared use forest and waterway destination. Many different users enjoy the backcountry recreational opportunities including paddlers, campers, hikers, day-trippers, anglers, hunters, cottagers, snowmobilers, skiers and snowshoers. Sharing the space and respecting the different motivations to visit this beautiful area is incumbent on all visitors. Canoes, paddles, lifejackets (Pfds) and safety kits can be rented at the HHWT office off Hwy. 35 near the Frost Centre. Maps can be bought there too and lots of good advice can be mined from the office staff. See https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/water-trails.php for more information on the area, rentals and how to reserve a campsite.

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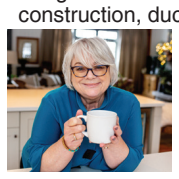

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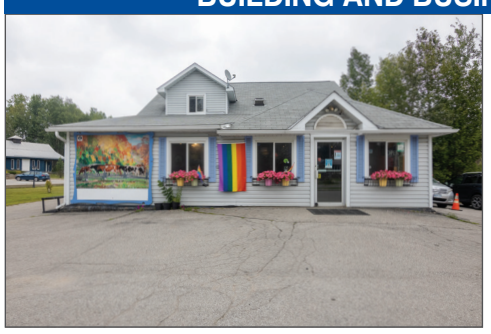

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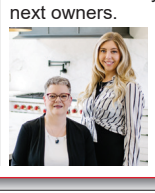

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Musical memories

Conductor Dan Manley addresses the crowd during the Highlands Chamber Orchestra's presentation of *Dynamics & Dances* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on May 27. /TIM YANO special to County Life

Conductor Dan Manley keeps the music playing.

You want inspiration? Stack some firewood

CHRISTINA SOLONYNKO
Special to *County Life*

/Submitted by Christina Solonynko

"Life is like a box of chocolates ..." I beg to differ, life is like stacking firewood.

Here are some new quotes I came up with this past weekend as I stacked what felt like a dump truck full amount of firewood into three neat stacks between trees.

"Stack firewood, the Universe is with you."

or

"Life is like a stack of firewood, if the rows don't line up it will fall, take the lesson."

or

"May the stack of firewood be forever in your favour."

You know, something catchy.

The lessons nature will teach you that translate into ordinary life are constant, this is my first time putting pen to paper on one of them.

Let's start at the beginning.

It had been going very well (I thought).

The firewood was stacked so high I had to reach over my head to get any more on.

It was a thing of beauty but also a little terrifying.

Anxiety about it collapsing on someone and how much that would suck washed over me but I pushed through that gut feeling and continued to feel pretty darn accomplished.

Taking my work boots off and grabbing a cold drink, I had earned a break.

Yay me!

It was a very short break.

I received this picture by text from my husband:

You see the highest stack of wood there?

That's where ALL the wood was... before it collapsed.

No high winds or dramatic weather events had taken place.

It was clear that my alignment had gone off in an attempt to reach the highest stacked pile of wood ever accomplished in the history of Haliburton.

Looking back now it's clear, it was destined for failure.

So I did what anyone would do which is go stand in front the pile of collapsed wood quietly in shock. Similar to what teenagers do when they open the hood of a car with absolutely no mechanical experience. Just blank stare at the problem hoping a twist of fate will present itself.

No point in getting mad, it's done.

Walking away seemed like a great way to handle it.

PRO TIP: Mental and physical distance are key when problem solving.

Let the situation marinate in your mind.

Next day I would put forth my new plan for firewood engineering.

The light bulb moment

When the initial wall fell, it landed quite neatly in front of itself hence the second wall strategy.

It only made sense to work with what was already there.

Instead of one high and unsustainable (although impressive) stack of firewood, there would now be two sturdy medium sized ones.

A third and final wall would also follow.

This is me in front of the three completed, strong and sturdy stacks of firewood.

If I had gotten mad and stomped around when the first stack fell it would not have helped the build back process at all. Just suck my energy away along with any positive perception of the recon job ahead.

Hard work, sweat and overcoming the less than pleasant company of mosquitoes is what accomplished three medium size stacks of firewood in place of the monolith.

I didn't just post it on Facebook.

No one swooped in to 'fix' it for me worried about my fragile ego and how this failure would impact my future confidence levels.

Persistence and a goal made this happen.

Upon first glance at this photograph I immediately wanted a do over.

Wearing overalls with a back brace, gloves, and bug jacket was not something I would ever make my profile picture (finger poised on delete).

There are some social media influencers that could probably have made this gong show work for them. Looking cute with some flippy hair, long eyelashes and lip gloss.

Sporting more of a gleam of perspiration rather than a full on sweat.

Hey! What about a cute dirt smudge across the cheek and standing on a slight angle looking up to really capture the moment?

Great ideas.

Not for me. Nope.

This hot and sweaty, red faced, jean square with hair plastered to my forehead and stuck in my eye is the real deal. I'm owning it and sharing it.

FACT: Bad things happen with the best of intentions.

The trick is to re-frame a seemingly negative situation.

Maybe someone would have been hurt going over (or near) that unstable wall of firewood?

The lessons

There is definitely more than one lesson involved here but if I had to sum it up:

"Any failure can be perceived as divine course correction for your future best interests."

So you see life IS like stacking firewood.

Work with what you've got. Slow down and evaluate along the way. Adjust if need be.

Although not very glamorous, determination and hard work is always rewarded.

For the record, I do love stacking firewood which is a good thing considering how much more there is to do!

Using filters and other finding aids

ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING

Special to *County Life*

At the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL), we provide access to over 50,000 physical items on our shelves in 7 branches across Haliburton County, and access to over 100,000 online items including e-books, downloadable audiobooks, and online magazines via *OverDrive*. Add to that, we provide access to two on-demand services, *Kanopy* for streaming video, and *PressReader* for newspapers and magazines. The quantity of items means that to match patrons with their desired items, and save you time, we have several different tools. One of these tools is 'content filtering.'

You likely have used content filtering already in your Internet lives. If you've been online clothes shopping and want to limit your search results to a specific size or colour, you've applied filters so that your search results are limited to those items you're most interested in. OverDrive and Libby also have content filters available to you when searching for e-books and audiobooks.

As a public library, HCPL provides access to materials that satisfy a wide range of interests. That means that we're going to have items you simply aren't interested in – and that's okay! I love quirky science fiction, but the science fiction collection, at 3,230 items, available on *Libby* is comparatively small compared to other genres like romance (22,690 items) and mystery (16,610 items). But I can limit my search results by selecting the science fiction subject filter to just get science fiction if that's what I'm most interested in looking for, without wading through other subjects I'm not as keen about.

Filters can be refreshed during each search, but some can also be pinned so they apply to all searches. For example, if you're a parent and you want to introduce your child to exploring e-books independently using the Libby app, you can pin search filters by audience. So, you can pin a search filter that limits search results to 'Juvenile,' to ensure your child is searching only for children's books. You can use search filters for subjects as well if you know your child has specific interests – this is particularly good for young folks who need to be really interested in a subject to get them reading.

Using content filters can also serve a purpose for readers who may experience emotional distress from certain subject matters. Who among us didn't pick up a book by Stephen King at a young impressionable age and was left with a fear of clowns, isolated snowy lodges, or demon vintage cars? And while for some that might have been the start of their love of the horror genre, for others it meant that reading scary stuff requires all the lights in the house to be on at night for a week. Don't want to accidentally check out a scary book? Avoiding the horror filter in *Libby* may be the right move for you.

Libby isn't the only service we have that has content filters available when searching. Our online catalogue for our physical items lets you filter by topic, format, and audience, among other things. It also lets you filter by "Available Now" which gives you an idea of what books are currently available. Through our online catalogue, you can place a hold on any item in our library system and our staff will contact you when it's ready to pick up at the circulation desk – no need to browse through the shelves if that's not your thing.

For streaming video, Kanopy also has a content filtering when you do a search, letting you narrow your search results by genre such as drama, comedy, and the like. They also have a kids' section where you can browse only items intended for children. This feature includes a passcode so that if you pass your device over to your child, they'll need you to enter the passcode in order to leave that section.

It's important to keep in mind that content filtering isn't perfect, and occasionally a result you didn't want may appear. So, it's important to think about what you're searching for and what you want out of that search. If you're a parent, ultimately you are responsible for what your child accesses at the library both on our shelves and online, and you are always the best filter for your child. But also, as a parent, it can be difficult to keep track of what media is appropriate for the age of your child. That's why we also have some tools you can use to make sure your own filtering skills are up to date.

Novelist Plus and *Novelist K-8* Plus are two services you can access through our Digital Library at haliburtonlibrary.ca. These services let you search for books using filters for audience, interest, reading level, and other factors. They also feature a fun section called "For Fans of," which lists books that have some of the same appeal as popular games, books, movies, and television shows. If you want to learn a bit more about a particular book before you or your child reads it, looking it up in *Novelist Plus* or *Novelist K-8* Plus is a good way of getting a preview of what it might be like, as well as an expert opinion on who might like it.

Also, from our Digital Library page we link to the YouTube channel for Common Sense Media. This channel features short videos on various media including movies, games, and television shows, assessing how appropriate they are for certain age groups. They also provide conversation starters so that you can discuss issues that may have been brought up during a movie or television show.

The world is full of different tastes, ideas, perspectives, and worldviews, so it's perfectly natural that not every book, movie, or magazine will appeal to you. Thankfully, there are plenty of tools to help you find what you do like in the wide range of material out there, and a chance for everyone to find their next favourite thing. Please ask the HCPL staff in your favourite branch about content filtering if you happen to have more questions.

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159th Haliburton County fair is back

JERELYN CRADEN
Special to *County Life*

Children pet bunnies from Dalrymple Rabbitry during the annual Haliburton County Fair. /FILE

Just thinking about the 159th Haliburton County Fair (HCF) in Minden on Saturday, June 10, can transport you back in time. A time when life was simpler. When kids' pony rides, agricultural displays, a horse pull, a petting zoo, demonstrations you had never seen before, and adjudicated contests with categories for kids as well as adults offered you a chance to take home a first, second, and third place prize. This year, on June 10, there will be no need for nostalgia – it will all be happening in real time. Plus, you will have even more to see, do, and enjoy.

With ten directors, a dozen associate directors, and 50 volunteers, Mary-Lou Clark, HCF Chair is excited. "We're expecting about 1,600 visitors this year," she said. "I can hardly wait to see the kids' exhibits and everything that's on display in the two exhibit buildings. Plus, we have a lot of new exciting attractions."

Sponsored by the Minden Agricultural Society, the HCF's opening ceremony will begin with the sound of bagpipes heralding its 159th year, followed by greetings from dignitaries and the Fair Board Executive.

Live music kicks off on the main stage at 11 a.m. and continues until 2:20 p.m. This year's Country and Western music lineup includes: Country Hot Flashes, Louie Reynolds, Barnard & Brohm, The Todd Nolan Show.

Then, it's Open Mic on the main stage starting at 3:30 p.m. A chance to get your feet wet. Sing or play that new song. Be a part of it.

For a main HCF highlight, it's the Leroy Nesbitt Memorial Horse Pull that takes place at 3:30 p.m.

All day, you can enjoy the Classic & Antique Car Show, Kids' pony rides (free), petting zoo featuring reptiles and hedgehogs will be making their debut. Plus, exhibits and demonstrations will be on-going at the Minden Curling Club and additional exhibit building.

Minden Curling Club

Located on the HCF property, the Minden Curling Club will be filled with exhibits, a tea room, baked goods, demonstrations including sewing, rug hooking, journal making, woodworking, glass blowing and more. The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild, Horticultural Society, Abbey Retreat and A Warm Hug from the Highlands with Shelley VanNood, will be there sharing information and some give-aways at their booths.

Exhibits in additional building

"Clark and Cathy Fisher will check in exhibitors on Friday from noon to 6 p.m.," Clark said. "There are different exhibit categories which are voted on, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday. First, second, and third place winners receive ribbons, plus $5 for first place, $4 for second, $3 for third, and $10 for specialty exhibit entries." Saturday morning, visitors can enjoy seeing the winning entries for all of the various kids' and adult categories.

Adult categories include –

Fiber art – a woven hot pad or scarf, or afghan, throw, macrame.

Quilting includes – a baby quilt, machined quilt, hand-quilted quilt, rug, wall-hanging, table runner, tote bag, and anything else that is quilted.

Home Crafts include – a loaf of bread, tea biscuits, decorated cupcakes, lemon or banana loaf, muffins, maple syrup, honey, strawberry jam, salsa, chutney, pickles and more.

Needle Crafts – knitted socks, child's mittens, stuffed animals, pillow cases.

Flowers and Plants – violets, tulips, aloe vera.

New this year – Fairy Garden must be made of succulent cactus.

Specialty entries this year – "An old leather item, decorated, it could be anything," Clark said. "Like an old leather belt or a hat, a wallet…anything decorated."

Kids' categories include:

Home Crafts – Rice crispies squares, brownies, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, personal-size pizza, a healthy lunch in a container, and more.

Junior Art Crafts – Legos, decorative flower pots, something made from a found object, a painted farm animal, homemade jewelry can be with pipe cleaners, beads, string, etc. Coloured page from a colouring book. Homemade book mark, a special card, or farm scene made from Playdough.

Photography – wildlife, domestic animals, sporting event, summer/winter fun.

A book of all exhibit categories will be available to the public at Minden and Haliburton libraries and various other locations, and on the Haliburton County Fair Facebook page.

Food & beverage

New this year: Boshkung Brewery. Plus, the always popular, Kawartha Dairy, beef on a bun, hot dogs and sausages will be served.

Even more at the fair

New this year: REMAX air balloon rides. Turtle Guardians will bring turtles. MNR will be there with Smokey the Bear. Plus, the OPP, Minden Fire Department, and EMS. The Farmers Association will bring baby animals (lambs, chickens).

New admission pricing – Kids 0 – 5 admission is free. 6 – 12, $5. 13 and up, $10.

Camping at HCF – June 9 to 11 – First come first served.

Campers can check in with Eric Casper, Associate Director (past HCF President) on Friday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. – check-out Sunday, 11 a.m. Camping fee: $25 per trailer plus HCF admission per person. 8 to 15 spots will be available.

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Local readers read from passages from their favourite Author. Readings are held in conjunction with "Rewilding: Michelle Karch Ackerman and Tanya Zaryski" and the Authors come from The Library of Dresses gallery installation. Discussion follows each reading.
June 10 Scott Duggan reads Emily Bronte
June 17 Laurie Jones reads Beverly Cleary's Ramona the Pest. All welcome
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Baha'i Community event

When: June 12, 7 to 8 p.m.
Where: Coffeehouse at Castle Antiques in Haliburton.
What: Join the Baha'i community of Haliburton County for a musical presentation and facilitated discussion on the topic of 'the betterment of the world can be accomplished through pure and goodly deeds'. Light refreshments available. Free admission.

Art in the Garden Show & Sale Father's Day

When: June 17/18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Glass Eagle Studios Minden
What: Art, Live Music & Food
Contact: Tom Green at 705-286-3628

Haliburton Land Trust Annual General Meeting

When: Monday June 19 at 7 p.m.
How: via Zoom
What: Haliburton Highland Land Trust welcomes all to join us for our AGM, members in good standing have voting privileges. In order to receive the ZOOM link you must register in advance at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.
Contact for details and updates: pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca
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Wilberforce Legion 50th Anniversary Celebration

When: Friday, June 23 - Sunday, June 25
Where: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1007 Burleigh Rd Wilberforce
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HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR

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Saturday June 10th 2023

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SCHEDULE OF Events

9 am:	Fairgrounds open
9 am:	Vendors, artisans, demonstrations
10 am - 2 pm:	Re/Max Balloon Rides Weather Permitting
10:30:	Opening ceremonies with dignitaries and fair board executives
Noon - 3 pm:	Zoo to You
3:30 pm:	Horse Pull
All Day:	Classic & Antique Car Show
All Day:	Kids Pony Rides
All Day:	CURLING CLUB: exhibits, tea room, baked goods, demonstrations, woodworking and much more.

All times are subject to change

Things to See THROUGHOUT THE DAY

~ OPP, Minden Fire Department, EMS
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~ Small Auction
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11:00 - 11:30: **The Country Hot Flashes**
11:30 - 12:00: **Louie Reynolds**
12:00 - 12:30: **Barnard & Brohm**
1:00 - 2:20: **The Todd Nolan Show**
3:30 start: **Open Mic**

Admission

Adults: $10
Kids Ages 6 - 12: $5
5 & under: No Charge
All kids events included in admission

Should I Bring Anything?

• Lawn chair(s) • Rain Jacket/Gear (Just in case)
• Sunscreen • Hat • Bug Spray • Comfortable Footwear
• Although some vendors and artisans may have debit transactions available - it would be a good idea to bring cash as well.

Camping

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Arrive: Friday, June 9 - 8:30 am Depart: Sunday, June 11 - 11 am

Kids & Youth EVENTS

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~ Pockets the Clown (with face painting
~ Dalrymple Rabbitry
~ Natural Resources & SMOKEY the BEAR
~ Kids Games
~ Turtle Guardians
~ Farmers Association Farm Animals

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Prom on!

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School seniors got dressed up on Saturday, May 27 for their prom at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. An empty dance floor awaits students for the annual prom celebrations.

Pictured from left, Caden Harnum, Kelly Chumbley, Nicole Long and Addison Sullivan pose for a photo upon arrival to prom on Saturday.

Kaleb Pereira poses with girlfriend, Violette, next to his grandfather's truck after rolling into the Pinestone for prom.

Ravyn Rideout, Riley Bacon and Victoria Robertson pose for pictures at the photobooth during prom.

Destiny Wilson, Caelie Grant, Rachel Holtzman and Ciara Wilson pose for a photo.

Jack Walker, Chloe Billings and Anthony Dumas arrive ahead of the start of prom at the Pinestone.

Water Hero spring donation campaign launched

For more than 13 years the Haliburton, Muskoka and Kawartha Children's Water Festivals (HMKCWF) have inspired local children to take care of waters' health through fun, hands-on activities. Mostly this has been through an annual Fall Festival for elementary school children but in more recent years the group have developed online resources and Water Hero programs available for young learners and teachers , year round. Through Covid they've adapted towards also offering activities at public events.

FEEL,(Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning) the charity that the Children's Water Festival is the premiere program of, recently learned that a few major partners over the years, will not be able to provide funds this year. In order to host the Water Festivals planned for elementary school children in the fall, and families in the summer, the charity is launching a spring "Water Hero Donation Campaign".

Local folk who can and regional businesses are invited to join our water hero team this spring, to pool together resources for local children and waters.

Contributions to the HMK Children's Water Festival program :

- Help keep fun, outdoor water learning events available to children of the local regions; Haliburton, Muskoka and Kawartha Lakes
- Help us overcome a $ 13,000 funding shortfall this spring to run planned programs
- Support hundreds more local elementary students attending our hopefully-2-day festival in the fall and keeping this free of charge to schools and families
- Help us share with families at public events this summer
- Support local children, their learning about life-giving water and so the health of local watersheds for future generations too

To Donate : Contributions of $20.00 or more send another local student to our Fall Children's Water Festival and can Receive a charitable receipt. $450 will send a local class.

Creative Sponsorship packages including different recognitions in our communities can be arranged with local business water heroes contributing $100 or more.

Pledges for funds to be sent later in the year are also greatly appreciated until June 21.

Donations can be sent via e-transfer by arrangement, by Credit Card or Papal on our CanadaHelps account online or mailed to; HMK Children's Water Festival (FEEL), P.O. Box 1292, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0.

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Mariposa Folk Festival: Then and now

With the onset of summer music festivals and concerts, and the passing of Gordon Lightfoot, it seems appropriate that the theme of June's speaker series is about the Mariposa Folk Festival, past and present.

The popular speaker series presented by Yours Outdoors wraps up another year of varied and fascinating presentations with a look at Canada's legendary music festival. On June 14 at 7 p.m. Michael Hill, Liz Scott and Thom Lambert will be sharing their stories and images of the Mariposa Folk Festival. Michael Hill, former artistic director will reflect upon what has been. He is also the author of The Mariposa Folk Festival: A History. Liz Scott, current artistic director and no stranger to the Haliburton Highlands, will provide a contemporary perspective and a peek at what the future holds. Thom Lambert, a local singer/songwriter who has attended the festival many times will share his experience as an attendee and maybe even play a tune or two.

No doubt Gordon Lightfoot will be front-of-mind during the presentation. Each of the presenters has had their Lightfoot encounters. Gordon was an integral part of the festival from the shaky start when he and his then singing partner Terry Whelan were turned down from playing the inaugural Mariposa Folk Festival of 1961. "We were hometown boys," he stated, "but they said we sounded too much like the Everly Brothers! We actually took that as a compliment." The next year though, Gordon was hired as a solo act and joined the likes of Oscar Brand, the Travellers and Ian and Sylvia. Since then, he has performed many times at the festival.

Over the last several years, Mariposa has become an annual event on the Lightfoot family calendar. Gordon has shown up most years to take in the festival vibe, see certain performers, renew old acquaintances, and give the audiences just a taste of his musical magic.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m. on June 14 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. Admission is $15. Register in advance online at www.yoursoutdoors.ca (search Mariposa) or by calling 705-457-7557. A portion of the tickets sales will be donated and matched by Highlands Summer Festival to purchase tickets to the *Early Morning Rain, The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot* performances for families who might otherwise not be able to afford the cost of taking the whole family to a performance.

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Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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June 10: Horseshoe Tournament Register 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Play starts @12:30 p.m. $20/person.
Meat draw 3 p.m.
June 11: LA Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m.
June 12: Closed
June 13: Open 4 p.m. General meeting 7 p.m.
June 14: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts 2 p.m.
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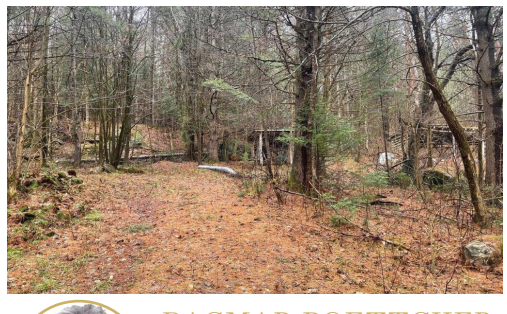

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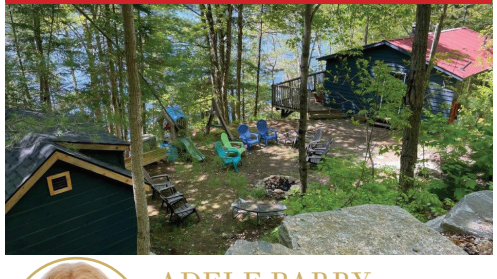

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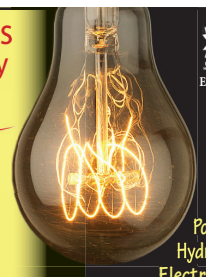

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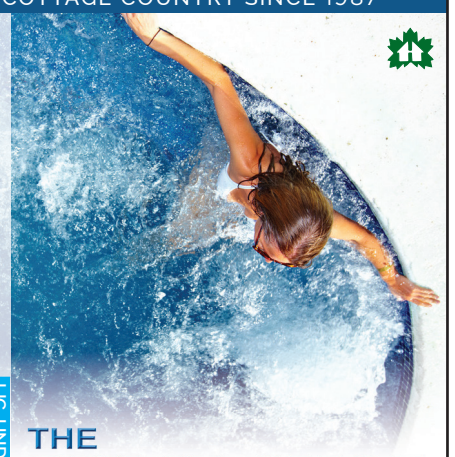

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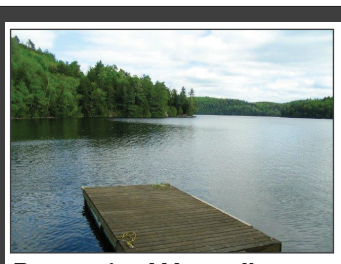

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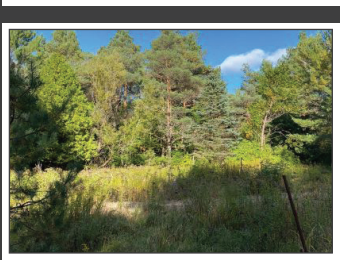

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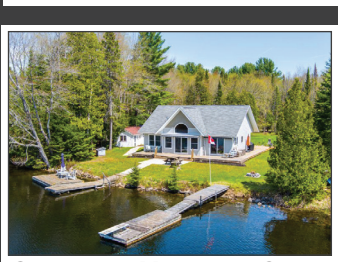

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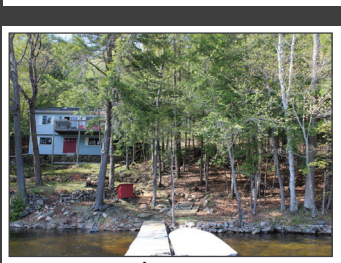

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Caboose rises from fire's ashes

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

In the aftermath of the fire that gutted Haliburton's historic caboose comes a strange turn of events that may restore the railway relic.

On May 29, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey met with Greg Sheppard, branch manager of SCM Adjusters Canada Ltd., to inspect the damage to the caboose. Two days earlier, it had been set alight in what police believe was an act of arson.

The caboose was insured and Sheppard told Fearrey that unless there was something unexpected in the insurance policy, work to restore the caboose could begin the next day.

Sheppard estimated the damage to be worth $80,000 and gave council permission to start on the project.

"It's sad that [the fire] happened and this doesn't mean it's how you get things," said Fearrey. "I guess the fortunate part is that we had insurance, but we still need to decide what we're going to do with it and where we're going to put it."

His sentiment matches that of George Kadoke, who's been leading the charge to restore the old caboose.

See **Insurance** *page 9*

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Leapin' wizards!

There wasn't an empty seat in the house this past weekend when students of Haliburton Dance Arts presented three shows of their annual dance recital at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Above, Kayla Gardiner takes the lead and leaps into the air during the group ballet number "Pinball Wizard." For more photos from the recital see page 16.

NHL puts Cody Hodgson through his paces

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

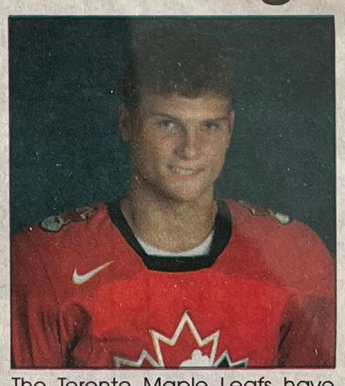
Haliburton-born Cody Hodgson made it through the 2008 NHL Entry Draft Combine, one of the last tests before the 18-year-old heads to Ottawa on June 20 in hopes of being drafted into the NHL.

Organized by NHL Central Scouting, the combine invites the top 107 prospects from North America and Europe for 13 tests of strengths and fitness. It is a chance for players to show how hard they can push themselves and for NHL scouts and general managers to confirm their impressions of the top draft picks.

Nothing but the real thing could prepare Hodgson for the real thing.

"Until you're actually in that room doing the exercises you don't really get a grasp of it," Hodgson told the *Echo* in a telephone interview on Sunday.

Before going through the combine's paces, Hodgson sought advice from others who'd been in his shoes. He picked the brains of many but spoke mostly with fellow Brampton Battalion teammate Bobby Sanguinetti about specifics on each exercise.



The Toronto Maple Leafs have their eye on Haliburton Lake cottager Cody Hodgson.

Hodgson, who is the son of former riding MPP Chris Hodgson and his wife Marie, who owns WeeCare in Haliburton, began his testing on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and finished at 6:30 p.m. He did strength tests, push-ups, sit ups, bench presses, and standing long jumps.

Other tests included throwing a medicine ball as far as he could while sitting, back against a wall; two sets of vertical jumps

See **Two dozen** *page 11*

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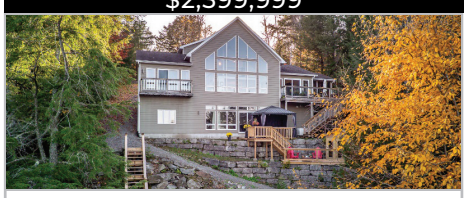

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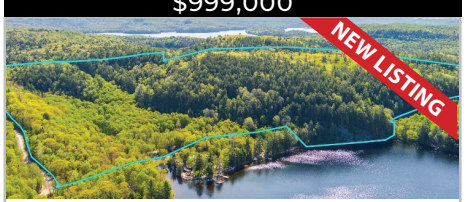

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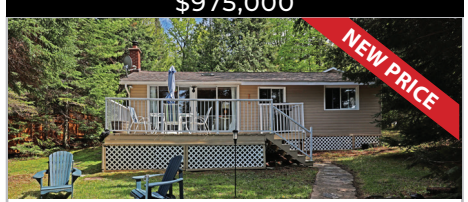

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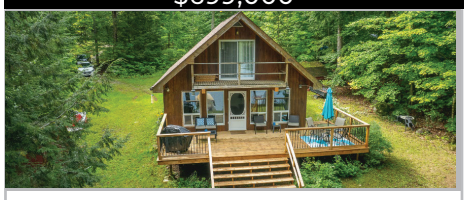

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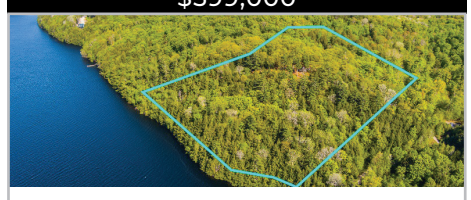

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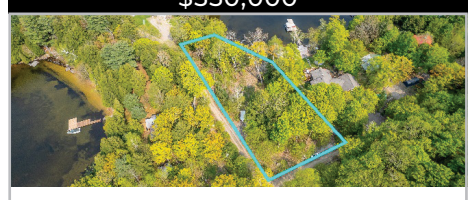

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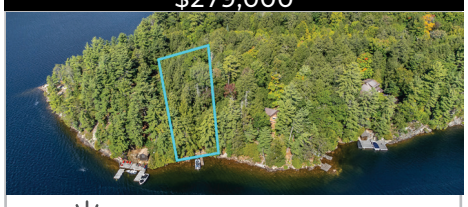

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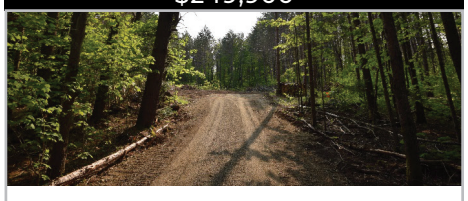

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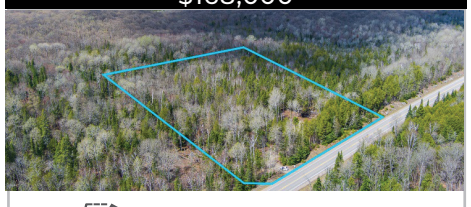

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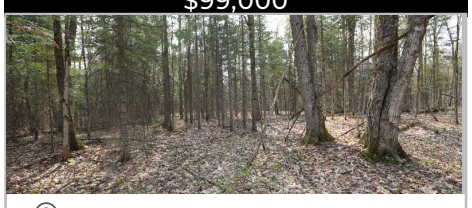

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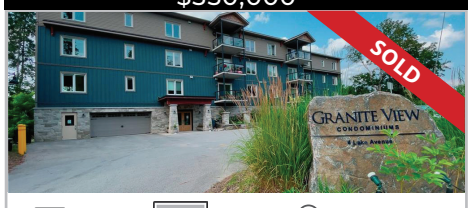

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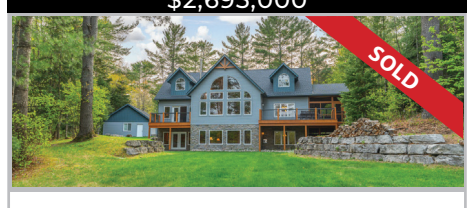

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